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Letter dated 30 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the statement issued on 30 June 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the civil war in Sudan (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could arrange to have the text of the present letter and the annexed statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement issued on 30 June 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the civil war in Sudan

The European Union shares fully the conclusions of the sixth meeting of the Committee on Sudan of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Partners' Forum, held in Oslo on 20 June 2000. In this context, the European Union wishes to make clear its grave concerns regarding the offensive launched by the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) in the region of Bahr al-Ghazal.

The European Union calls for the humanitarian ceasefire commitments given to be respected and expresses the hope that a global and unlimited ceasefire may be proclaimed by the parties as soon as possible.

The European Union has taken note of the SPLM/A statement of 19 June 2000 declaring its return to the peace talks, and calls upon the Government of the Sudan and the SPLM/A to resume rapidly the peace negotiations under the auspices of IGAD.
